

In re Appln. of Todd A. Kuiken
Application No. 09/558,570
Second Preliminary Amendment

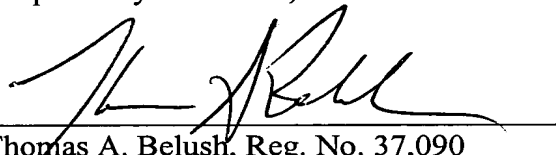
Remarks

New claims 30-37 have been added. Claims 1-9 and 23-37 are presented herein, the examination and consideration of which is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced in the present amendment. The subject matter of claims 23-30, for example, is supported by FIGS. 14a, 14b, and the specification at page 11, lines 8-26.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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